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A four-page report on the city of Magadan

The report includes a sketch of Magadan and a legend for same which supplies information on the city's air service and on the location of various buildings in the city.

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CITY OF MAGADAN

1. Magadan (N 59-34, E 150-46) with a population of 70,000 had grown considerably in the past few years because it had become an administrative center for a vast zone of concentration camps. More than 50 percent of the inhabitants were either KGB border troops or KGB prison guards. Less than 50 percent of the population consisted of deportees, exiles, and persons who were members of the Komsomol or CPSU who had come voluntarily to serve for two or three years as physicians, sanitation officers, geological engineers, machinists, or in other specialized fields.
2. The city was located on a large plain almost at sea level. This was not an agricultural area, although some produce was grown in greenhouses for the city authorities. The only livestock were reindeer which were used for hauling sleds and as food. On the outskirts of town, the houses were made of wood and not as tall as the houses in town. The structures in the center of town were four, five, and six stories tall and made of brick, stone, or cement. The streets were well constructed and the main streets were of asphalt.
3. The margin numbers in parentheses below refer to sketch of
 - (1) Asphalt highway in good condition. The highway led to the airport and continued on to an unknown destination.
 - (2) Airport located approximately ten kilometers northeast of the center of Magadan. It was divided into two zones, the civilian zone and the military zone, each of which had its own cement landing strip. The entrances to both zones were on the southeast side of the airport. The zones were as follows:
 - a. The civilian zone had several cement runways. Three and four-engine aircraft with a 30-passenger capacity plus freight were used. Pilots and crew belonged to the KGB. It was difficult to enter this airport at the time an aircraft was taking off; passengers were paged over a loudspeaker by ticket number and flight number only. A passport type of ticket was used with the passenger's photograph stamped by the KGB, and the passenger's name, date, place of birth, and reason for the trip was stated. the following four daily flights: Moscow-Gorkiy (N 56-20, E 44-00)-Kirov (N 58-33, E 49-42)-Sverdlovsk (N 56-50, E 60-38)-Novosibirsk (N 55-02, E 82-53)-Krasnoyarsk (N 56-02, E 92-48)-Irkutsk (N 52-16, E 104-20)-Khabarovsk (N 48-30, E 135-06)-Petrovsk (N 53-01, E 158-39)-Magadan-Chukotak (N 66-00, E 174-00); Khabarovsk-Magadan-Chukotak; Magadan-Chukotak; and Magadan-Khabarovsk.
 - b. The military zone had a two-meter high metal fence along the southwest and southeast boundaries. A hangar was located near a runway and five or six jets were parked nearby. seen two jets land.
 - (3) Passenger waiting room and restaurant.
 - (4) KGB aviation troops shops and living quarters.

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- (5) KGB border troops living quarters consisting of 8 or 10 one-story wooden barracks measuring approximately 10 x 60 meters. The installation was not fenced in. [] observed some AA guns and also various metal posts, 50X1-HUM approximately 15 meters high, held with guy wires and resembling antennas of a radio station. The epaulets and piping on the caps of the border troops were green.
- (6) KGB prisoner guards' living quarters consisting of several one-story wooden barracks in which approximately 1,000 troops were billeted. These troops were in charge of the temporary prison camps and also accompanied prisoners from the temporary prison camps to their permanent camps. The troops had uniforms with red epaulets with blue piping and blue hats with red piping.
- (7) Temporary prison camp measuring approximately 2,000 x 1,000 meters with a capacity for about 50,000 prisoners, although it actually never housed more than 6,000-8,000 prisoners at a time. The interior was divided into 12 zones and separated by wooden fences. Many one-story barracks buildings were located in these zones. These barracks housed men and women prisoners separately and divided them according to their offenses. Some of these groupings [] were: political, civil, professional thieves, 50X1-HUM prisoners of war, and miscellaneous offenders. The latter group were persons who had worked on secret work during their prison terms. The camp was surrounded by two wire fences, the exterior one about three meters high and the interior about 1.20 meters high. There were sentry boxes every 1,000 meters and guard was kept by sentries with dogs. During the night a patrol was stationed outside in addition to the regular guard inside the camp.
- (8) Indigirka asphalt highway which crossed the Magadanskaya and Irkutskaya oblasti and was considered to be the backbone of communications for towns and villages in these oblasts.
- (9) Post Office and Telegraph building which also sold airline tickets.
- (10) Park.
- (11) Vehicle repair shop for civilian and military vehicles used in the city and the surrounding area and the vehicles serving the concentration camps. The installation measured approximately 200 x 300 meters and was surrounded by a wooden fence. Several buildings of masonry were located at this installation. These buildings housed machine shops and served as garages for the new vehicles awaiting distribution.
- (12) University [] 50X1-HUM
- (13) City market place.
- (14) Ulitsa Kirova.
- (15) KGB administrative headquarters for the entire Magadan area.
- (16) Sovetskaya ulitsa which was approximately five kilometers long and led from the center of town to the port (20).
- (17) Cement pier, approximately 120 meters long for loading and unloading prisoners. No freight unloading equipment was located here.
- (18) Sever Restaurant.

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(19) KGB border patrol quarters with AA guns.

(20) Passenger and freight port consisting of reinforced-concrete structures used for storage purposes. The port area measured approximately one square kilometer. The reinforced-concrete dock was supported by reinforced-concrete posts. The dock was about 400 meters long and was six or eight feet above the water level. Many portable cranes were located here. The zone was surrounded by a wooden and wire fence and guarded by KGB troops and sentry guards. [redacted] deposits of fuel, [redacted]

[redacted] must have existed. From the beginning of December to the end of April all navigation was closed due to bad ice conditions.

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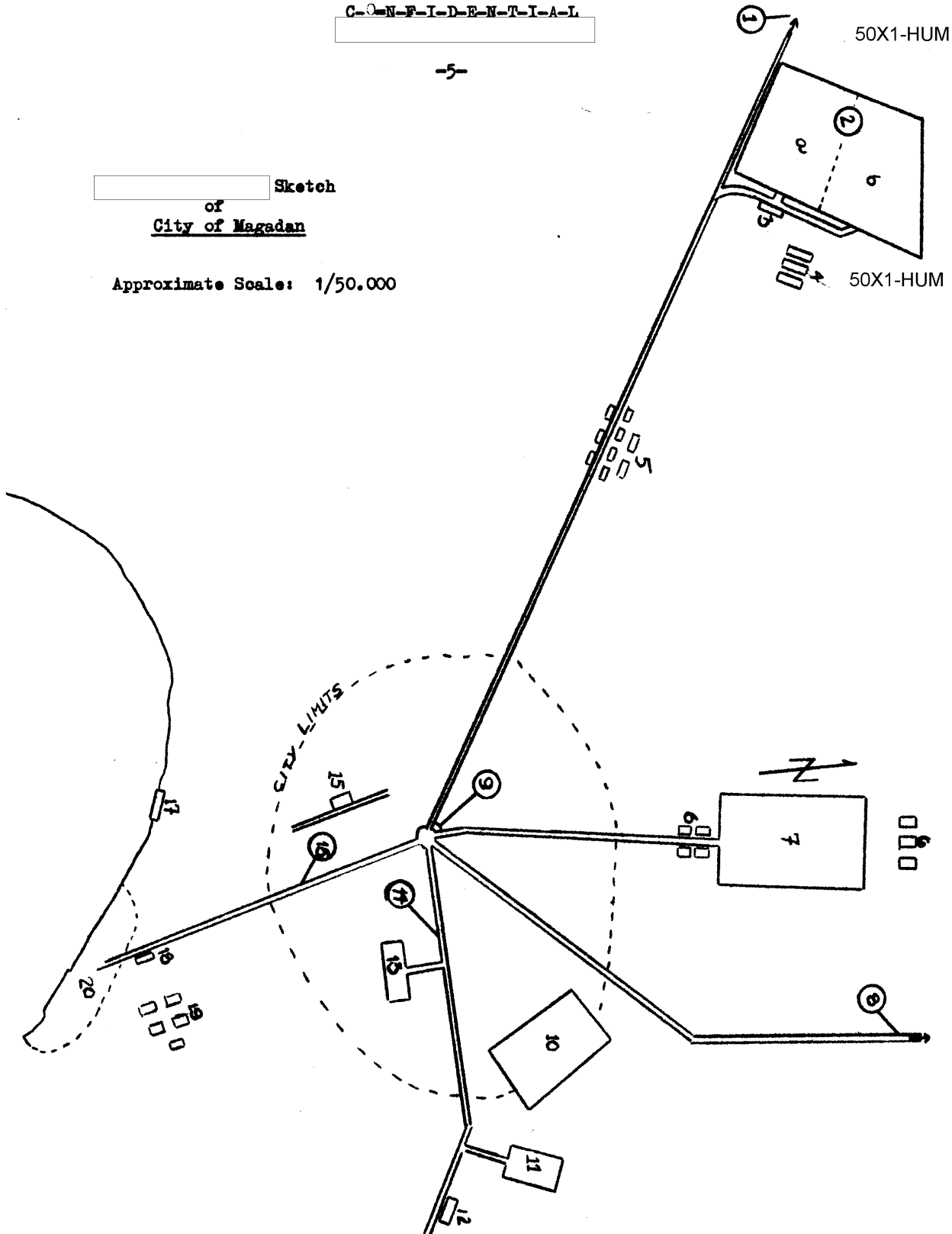
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Sketch
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